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Dear Mr. Dunivent and Mr. Ham:

Decision on the Court Facilities Dispute Resolution Committee Recommendation from the March 24, 2009, meeting

The Court Facilities Dispute Resolution Committee (Committee) formally met on March 24, 2009, to hear the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) initiated dispute regarding the Orange County court facility known as the Central Justice Center CXC. Per Government Code Section 70303, the Committee submitted its recommendations to me for this facility.

Dispute Regarding the Central Justice Center CXC

Government Code Section 70301(d) defines court facilities as rooms for holding superior court; chambers of the judges of the court; rooms for the attendants of the court, including, but not limited to rooms for accepting and processing documents filed with the court; heat ventilation, air-conditioning, light and fixtures for those rooms and chambers; common and connecting space to permit proper and convenient use of the rooms; rooms for secure holding of a prisoner attending court sessions, together with secure means of transferring the prisoner to the courtroom; any other area within a building required or used for court functions; grounds appurtenant to the building containing the rooms, and; parking spaces historically made available to one or more users of court facilities.

Government Code Section 70321 requires the Judicial Council and counties to enter into agreements concerning the transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the Judicial Council.

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At issue in this dispute was whether the CXC court facility was a temporary facility, and subject to transfer per the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002.

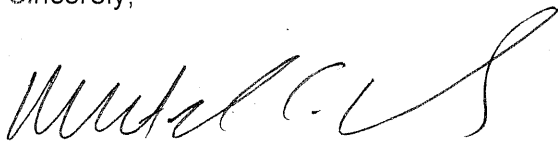
The Committee's recommendation is detailed below:

CXC: Approve the modified request by the Administrative Office of the Courts to recognize that the Central Justice Center, CXC, is a court facility, albeit temporary, and subject to the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 in terms of transfer.

I concur with the recommendation of the Committee as summarized above.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call Nathan Brady at (916) 445-9694.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Genest", with a stylized flourish at the end.

MICHAEL C. GENEST
Director

cc: Court Facilities Dispute Resolution Committee Interested Parties List